

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on March 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 124, 3/15/2017; SB 135, 3/15/2017
Executive Action: HB 66, HB 265, HB 563, SB 135, SB 139

HEARING ON SB 135**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 135, Generally revise laws related to first aid training in schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:19 Jim DeTienne, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:05:30 Ashley Dalton, Self
00:06:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Bachmeier joined the meeting
00:09:27 Susan Ames, Self
00:15:10 Arch Arntson, Self
00:20:15 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association
00:23:11 Craig Ames, Self
00:26:07 Jeffery Miller, Butte-Silverbow Fire Department
00:27:07 Connor Miller, Self
00:27:48 Clint Loss, Montana EMS Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:49 Rep. Vinton
00:29:38 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association
00:30:09 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:30:50 Arch Arntson, Self
00:31:39 Rep. Beard
00:32:17 Sen. McClafferty
00:32:42 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:32:55 Rep. Funk
00:33:22 Sen. McClafferty

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:38 Sen. McClafferty

HEARING ON SB 124**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:37 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 124, Extend school district bond term.

[**EXHIBIT\(edh59a01\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(edh59a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:27 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
00:38:56 Scott Walter, East Helena Public School (EHPS)
00:41:54 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:43:15 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public School (EHPS)
00:44:38 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:45:46 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:46:11 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:33 Rep. Staffanson
00:48:12 Ron Whitmoyer, EHPS
00:48:17 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting
00:49:22 Rep. Essmann
00:51:16 Dennis Parman, MREA
00:52:44 Rep. Staffanson
00:53:20 Dennis Parman, MREA
00:53:41 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:54:13 Rep. Vinton
00:56:33 Scott Walter, EHPS
00:57:31 Rep. Staffanson
00:57:58 Scott Walter, EHPS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:33 Sen. McClafferty

00:59:23 Recessed
01:09:21 Reconvened with Rep. Curtis Present and Rep. Schreiner Excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66

01:09:42 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 DO PASS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:10:02 Rep. Essmann
01:10:44 Rep. Curtis

01:11:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:12:40 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 66 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 265

01:12:58 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 265 DO PASS.**

01:14:09 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 265 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh59a03)

Discussion:

01:14:22 Rep. Essmann

01:15:11 Rep. Anderson

01:15:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:17:41 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 265 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh59a04)

Discussion:

01:17:55 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:18:16 Rep. Vinton

01:19:28 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:20:25 Rep. Anderson

01:20:45 Rep. Essmann

01:20:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:21:27 **Motion:** Rep. Vinton moved that **HB 265 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh59a05)

Discussion:

01:21:52 Rep. Vinton

01:24:06 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:24:38 Rep. Funk

01:25:25 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

01:25:52 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:26:48 Rep. Staffanson

01:27:33 Rep. Funk

01:29:07 Chair Berglee

01:29:26 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

01:30:49 Rep. Staffanson

01:31:09 Rep. Vinton

01:31:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:32:06 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 265 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh59a06)

Discussion:

01:32:37 Rep. Funk

01:33:08 Rep. Essmann

01:33:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:33:51 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 265 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:34:03 Rep. Curtis
01:34:46 Rep. Essmann
01:35:14 Rep. Beard
01:35:28 Rep. Essmann
01:35:49 Rep. Funk
01:36:12 Rep. Vinton
01:36:44 Chair Berglee
01:37:09 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:39:21 Rep. B. Bennett

01:41:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 563

01:41:52 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 563 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:42:03 Rep. Curtis
01:44:10 Rep. Staffanson
01:46:14 Rep. Price
01:48:52 Rep. B. Bennett
01:50:52 Rep. Bachmeier
01:52:44 Rep. Anderson
01:54:47 Rep. Funk
01:56:54 Rep. Greef

01:58:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

01:59:49 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 563 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 139

02:00:14 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 139 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:00:24 Rep. Vinton
02:01:48 Rep. Essmann
02:02:58 Rep. B. Bennett
02:05:31 Rep. P. Webb

02:06:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy. Rep. Vinton will carry the bill.

02:07:19 Rep. Essmann
02:07:23 Rep. Curtis left the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 135

02:07:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 135 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Curtis, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy. Rep. Sheldon-Galloway will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:30

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh59aad.pdf](#))